

Announcements

International Society of Nephrology

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1984 is included in the annual 1984 dues of US \$75.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. Robert W. Schrier, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Medicine, University of Colorado Medical Center, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80262, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current Fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Schrier along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$75.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship.

ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support.

Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: ". . . was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will *not* sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Dr. Donald W. Seldin, President, International Society of Nephrology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75220, USA.

Supplements to *Kidney International*

Limited funds are available for the partial financial support of the direct cost of publication of the proceedings of meetings to be published as Supplements to *Kidney International*. Individual awards cannot exceed US \$5,000. Application must be made to the Editor; it must include the date and place of the proposed meeting, a list of other sponsors, a final program (including speakers), an estimate of the number and length of manuscripts, and an expression of willingness to participate in the editorial process, including the submission of manuscripts to a modified form of peer review.

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive US \$15,000 per year from the Society; they must also provide evidence of additional financial support from the home country and/or the host institution, including the provision of round-trip travel funds for the Fellow and his or her immediate family.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but,

in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.

(10) A limited amount of financial support *may* be available to Fellows for basic start-up needs upon return to the home country.

(11) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Dr. Claude Amiel, Secretary General, International Society of Nephrology, Département de Physiologie, Faculté de Médecine Xavier Bichat, 16 rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France.

Meetings

The Fourth International Conference on Psychonephrology will be held October 12–14, 1984, at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York, New York, USA. This conference is devoted to psychological aspects of uremia, dialysis, and renal transplantation to be presented in seminars, small group sessions, plenary sessions, and free communications. For further information write Norman B. Levy, M.D., Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, New York 10595, USA.

The Third International Conference on the Diabetic Renal-Retinal Syndrome (Therapy) will be held November 2 and 3, 1984, at the World Trade Center, New York, New York, USA, under the auspices of the Downstate Medical Center and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. For information, write Ms. Mary Fasulo, 450 Clarkson Avenue, Box 52, Brooklyn, New York 11203, USA.

Controversies in Medicine will meet at Cudworth Hall, 1917 8th Avenue South, University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama, USA, on November 9, 1984. The meeting, which is sponsored by South Highlands Hospital of Birmingham, carries a CME credit of seven hours (Category 1) and will cover such topics as organ transplants and rationing medical care. For information, write Dena Metts, South Highlands Hospital, 1127 South Twelfth Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35205, USA, or telephone (205) 250-7703.

A Rogosin Institute Symposium entitled Nephro-Immunology will be held November 9 and 10, 1984, at Cornell University Medical College, New York, New York, USA. Main topics include: basic concepts in immunology for nephrologists, immunologic mechanisms in renal disease, kidney transplantation, and immuno-therapy for tumors of the kidney and bladder. For information, write Kurt H. Stenzel, M.D., Division of Nephrology, Cornell University Medical College, 1300 York Avenue, New York, New York 10021, USA.

The First International Meeting of Hemapheresis will be held November 14–17, 1984, in Dijon, France. The program includes clinical controlled trials, alterations of the immune response induced by plasma exchange, technical aspects of plasma exchange and cytapheeresis, side effects, and donor apheresis. For information, write Scientific Secretariat, Dr. A. Bussel, Hôpital Saint Louis, Centre de Transfusion, 40 rue Bichat, 75475 Paris Cedex 10, France, or telephone (1) 203.96.02 pots 435 or 465.

The 17th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C., USA, from December 9–11, 1984. The program will include free communications and poster sessions, state-of-the-art addresses, and symposia on important topics relevant to nephrology. For further information write to the

National Office of the American Society of Nephrology, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc., 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086, USA.

The 12th Annual Seminar in Pediatric Nephrology: Persistent Renal-GU Disorders—Current Concepts in Diagnosis and Management, sponsored by the Division of Pediatric Nephrology of the Department of Pediatrics, University of Miami, will be held February 23–28, 1985, at the Sheraton Bal Harbour Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. For information, write: The Division of Pediatric Nephrology, University of Miami School of Medicine, P.O. Box 016960, Miami, Florida 33101, USA, or telephone (305) 549-6726.

An International Symposium on Peptides and Ion Transport will be held in Florence, Italy, April 24–26, 1985, under the sponsorship of the Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini. The Honorary Chairpersons are J. Axelrod (USA) and H. W. Kosterlitz (UK). The following topics will be discussed: peptide-ion transport interactions, role of ions in peptide secretion, modulation of ion transport by messenger peptides and synthetic analogues, peptides and ion transport in the function of various organ systems, interactions of peptides with drugs in ion transport, and peptide, ion, and receptor interactions. The scientific program will include invited lectures, round tables, oral communications, and poster sessions for contributed papers. For information, write: The Organizing Secretariat, Fondazione Giovanni Lorenzini, via Montenapoleone 23, 20121 Milan, Italy, or telephone (02)70-22-67 or 78-38-68, or cable LORENZFOUND.

The Fifth International Congress of the International Society of Artificial Organs will be held October 5–8, 1985, at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. For information, write Mary Ann Edsall, Executive Secretary, International Society of Artificial Organs, 8937 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, USA, or telephone (216) 444-2740.

The Third Asian Pacific Congress of Nephrology will be held October 6–10, 1986, in Singapore. For information, write to The Third APCN Secretariat, N.K.F. Centre, 705 Serangoon Road, Singapore 1232, or telephone 2500200.

Workshop

The Sixth Workshop on Vitamin D will be held March 17–22, 1985, in Merano, Italy. For information, write Workshop Secretary, Vitamin D Workshops, Inc., Department of Biochemistry, University of California, Riverside, California 92521, USA.

Courses

Hemodynamic Monitoring VII (February 4–6, 1985) and *Hemodynamic Monitoring VIII* (May 6–8, 1985) will be held at the Towsley Center, the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. The courses, intended for health care professionals concerned with practical and theoretical aspects of hemodynamic monitoring, provide 14.5 hours of ACCME Category I credit and 1.5 hours of Continuing Medical Education Units. For information, write the Office of Continuing Medical Education, Towsley Center, Box 057, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-0010, USA, or telephone (313) 763-1400.

Renal Biopsy in Medical Disease of the Kidneys, 7th annual postgraduate medicine course, will be held October 15–19, 1984, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia